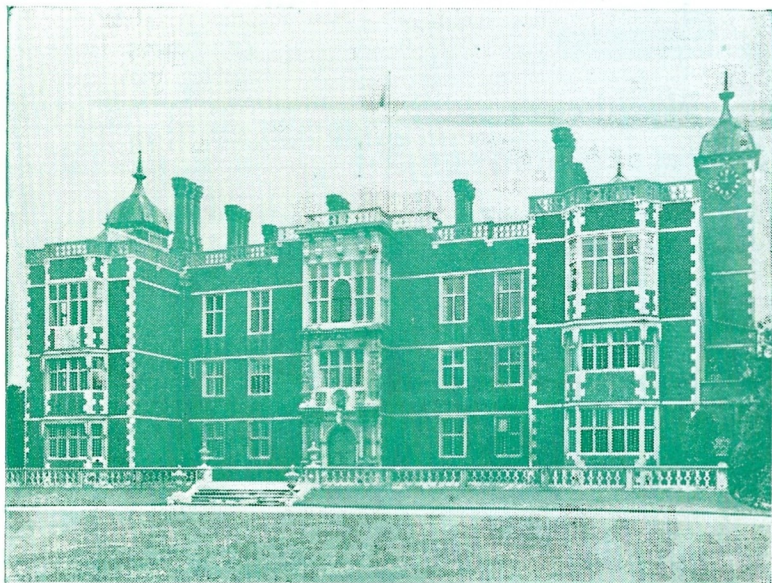


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GARDEN PARTY

The Charlton House Garden Party held on Saturday, 19th June, was very fortunate to fall on a dry and sunny day in between days of rain. The groups were there in full force and helped to make it a great success. There will be a net profit of £100. Mr. Henning opened the Garden Party supported by Councillor Mrs. Pennington and Councillor Mrs. Kingwell. The House Committee wish to thank all concerned for their efforts on this occasion.

A FAREWELL TO TWO ACTIVE MEMBERS

A small party of farewell to Mr. Gay and Mrs. Martin, J.P., was held at Charlton House on Tuesday, 13th July, 1965. Mrs. Martin and Mr. Gay have been members of the House Committee since its inception and have been active members of the Greenwich Community Council since 1946, and they were also very active in helping the many charitable organisations in Greenwich. The party was attended by all members of the House Committee, the Chairman of the Recreation Services Committee, Councillor Mrs. Kingwell, the Town Clerk of the London Borough of Greenwich, Mr. Barefoot, Mrs. Farrell and Mr. White.

The presentation took the form of a lighter to Mrs. Martin and a table lighter to Mr. Gay.

It is with great regret and indeed a loss of two very active members. It is unfortunate for us that their many other duties will prevent them from giving us the support and help they gave for many years without personal reward. We hope that they will be able to visit Charlton House on occasions and be able to just drop in as welcome visitors at any time.

We wish them well in their venture at Whitstable.

GARDEN PARTIES

The Garden Parties held at Charlton House this summer did not all have fine days, but in all cases the organisers felt that they had met with reasonable success. The Red Cross had a reasonable day, but the political parties were not quite so fortunate—they had showers. However, it did not kill the efforts or the spirits of those concerned.

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SUNDAY CONCERTS

The Sunday Concerts at Charlton House met with reasonable success and the people attending were high in their praise for the performances given. Again the weather did not help, and on one occasion the concert had to be held indoors.

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Mary Farmer, the daughter of Mrs. Farmer, our very popular and capable instructress in weaving, is to be congratulated on being asked to exhibit two hand-woven rugs at the Design Centre in the Haymarket. The standard of craftsmanship at this exhibition is always very high, and indeed, we regard this achievement of Miss Farmer as something really worthwhile. If you want the best in teaching, and to be taught with patience and encouragement, you should see Mrs. Farmer when the classes re-start. Of course, you may find that sixty other students have beaten you to it.

A word about the exhibition at the Design Centre: I felt that the work was not displayed to its greatest advantage.

VISITORS

We have had many visitors during the summer, from far and wide, showing a keen interest in the House and the many activities. It certainly was a lively afternoon when seventy delegates of the Young Wives' Fellowship visited Charlton House: they came from Canterbury, Golders Green, Highwood Heath, Oxted, Sevenoaks, Richmond, Wokingham, Tunbridge Wells, Aldershot, Sanderstead and other places. They were delighted with what they saw, and were fortunate to see the many activities. A word of thanks to the tutors for their toleration of the intrusion.

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We have received many letters of appreciation from our visitors, and in most cases would take the space of two magazines to print.

COMING EVENTS

The September Fair on the 11th September is the time and opportunity to place your activities before the public. You can gain support and new members on this day.

54th Scouts Parents' Association hold their Sale on Saturday, 28th November, and on the same day the Greenwich Cagebird Society will be holding their competitive Bird Show.

The following week the Communist Party hold their Christmas Sale. On the 18th December the Spastics Fellowship hold their Christmas Party.

NOVEMBER EXHIBITION

It is proposed to hold a competitive Exhibition in December. We will be sending you full details.

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